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This story is a time-honored favorite of children. In this edition the basic tale remains unchanged. The slight changes from the usual presentation have been made with care. The three little pigs go out into the world because they want to, and with their mother's blessing, rather than having to leave home. Because bricks are a man-made commodity and not as readily available as straw or sticks, the third little pig asks for *extra* bricks with which to build his house. The illustrations are attractive and add to the pleasures of the book.

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A Retold English Fairy Tale

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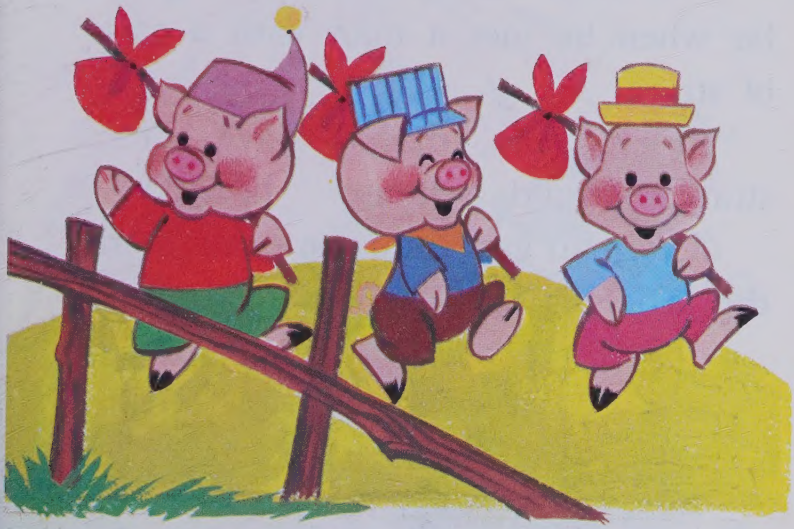


THERE WAS ONCE a mother pig who had three little pigs. One day they told mother pig they wanted to go seek their fortunes. She gave them her blessing.

So the three little pigs trotted out into the world.

The first little pig had not gone far when he met a man with a cart of straw.

"Please, man, may I have some straw to build a house?" he asked.

The man gave him the straw, and the little pig built a house.

Before long a wolf passed that way, knocked at the door of the little straw house, and called out, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

"No, no, by the hair of my chinny, chin, chin," answered the little pig.

"Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll *blow* your house in," said the wolf.

So he huffed, and he puffed, and he blew the house in. But the little

pig had slipped away into the woods.

The second little pig met a man with a wagon of sticks.

"Please, man, may I have some sticks to build a house?" he asked.

The man gave him the sticks, and the little pig built a house.

Then along came the wolf, knocked at the door, and called out, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

"No, no, by the hair of my chinny, chin, chin," answered the little pig.

"Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll *blow* your house in," said the wolf.

So he huffed, and he puffed, and he huffed and he puffed, and at last he blew the house in. But the second little pig had slipped out the back door and hidden in the thicket.

The third little pig met a man with a load of bricks.

"Please, man, do you have some extra bricks so I can build a house?" he asked.

The man did, and gave him the bricks, and the little pig built a house.

Then along came the wolf, knocked at the door, and called out, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

"No, no, by the hair of my chinny, chin, chin," answered the little pig.

"Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll *blow* your house in," said the wolf.

So he huffed, and he puffed, and he huffed and he puffed, and he huffed and he puffed, and still he could not blow the house in.

At last, when the wolf found out he could not blow the little house in, he called out, "Little pig, little pig, I know where there is a nice apple tree."

"Oh, do you? Where?" asked the little pig.

"Down at Merry-Orchard. Would you like to come with me to get some apples at six o'clock tomorrow morning?"

"Yes," said the little pig.

The next morning the little pig got up at five o'clock and went to the orchard. He climbed an apple tree and was eating a ripe, rosy-cheeked apple when, lo and behold! there was Mr. Wolf below.

"Ah, ha! little pig, so you are here before me," said the wolf. "Is the apple good?"

"Yes, very," said the little pig, trembling. "I will throw you one. Here you are," and he threw an apple toward a hillslope.

Then it rolled and rolled, and the wolf had to run after it. While the wolf was racing to pick up the apple, the little pig climbed down quickly, and ran till he reached home safe and sound.

The next morning the wolf came again to the little pig's house and called out, "Little pig, little pig, I know where there is a fair."

"Oh, do you? Where?" asked the little pig.

"At Shanklin. Would you like to go with me at three o'clock this afternoon?"

"Yes," said the little pig.

So the little pig went to the fair at two o'clock and bought a butter churn. On his way home he saw the wolf coming up the hill! He was frightened and did not know what to do. So he jumped into the butter churn to hide.

It tipped over and rolled down the hill with the pig inside. This gave the wolf such a fright that he did not go to the fair, but trotted slowly home.

The following day he went round to the little pig's house, and called out, "Little pig, little pig, I got a fright, I can tell you, as I went to the fair yesterday. A big round thing rolled down the hill and nearly knocked me over."

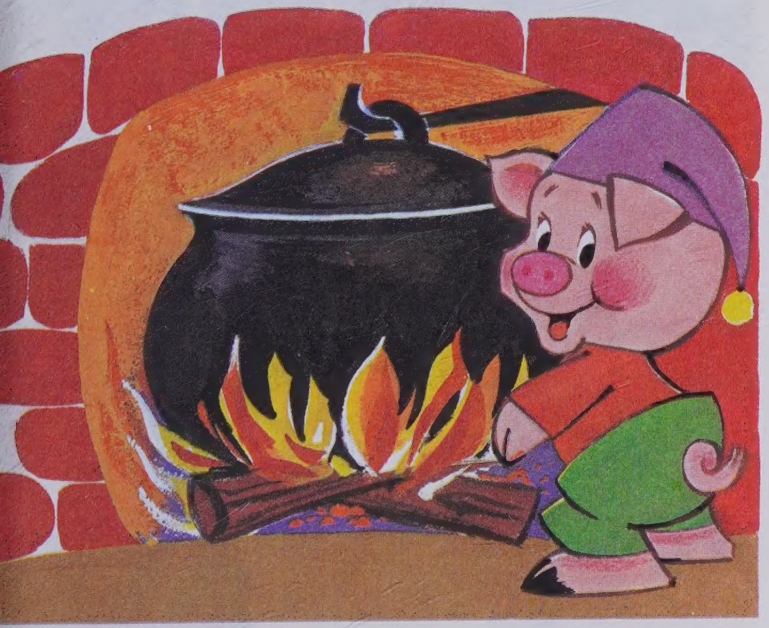
"Ho, ho, ho, ho!" laughed the little pig. "Afraid, were you? Well, I can tell you about that. The big round thing was a butter churn that I bought at the fair, and I was inside it."

Then the wolf was angrier than ever and called out, "Now, little pig, I mean to eat you up, anyhow. I'm coming down the chimney."

"Oh, are you?" said the little pig, and as the wolf jumped down, the little pig took the lid off a large pot

of boiling water that was on the fire. The wolf tumbled into the bubbling pot. Then the little pig popped on the cover again.

So there was the end of the wolf, and the little pig lived happily ever afterward.



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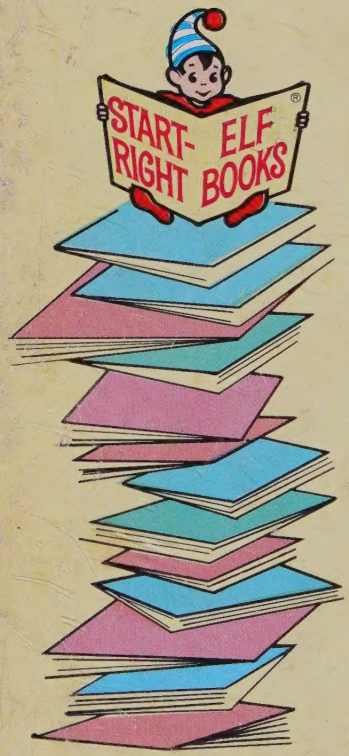

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